

SOUTH IS GRIPPED BY FREEZING BLAST

Terrific Cold Reaches
Orange Groves of
Florida.

GREAT SUFFERING AND MANY DEATHS

Coldest Day of Coldest December
Southern States Have Ever
Experienced—In North
Frightful Conditions Ex-
ist and Many People
Die of Exposure.

ATLANTA, GA., December 30.—A
terrific cold wave gripped the
South to-day, not even the orange belt
of Southern Florida being exempted
from the freezing temperature. This
morning the mercury ranged from 2
degrees above zero at Asheville, N. C.,
to 32 degrees at El Paso, Tex. with
50 above registered at Jacksonville,
Fla., and 28 at Tampa. A few
Texans point, and the extreme
southern portion of the Florida
peninsula alone escaped the freezing
blast.

This, according to the local Weather
Bureau, was the coldest day of the
coldest December the South has ever
experienced. At 8 o'clock this morn-
ing the thermometer registered 10 de-
grees above in Atlanta, and for twenty
days past, freezing weather has been
experienced here. The long duration
of cold has preyed upon the greater
portion of the South, and there has
been much suffering among the poor
people, especially the negroes in cities
where coal is used as fuel.

At Birmingham, Ala., where the
minimum was 10 degrees above
zero this morning, two negroes were
frozen to death, and near Decatur,
Ala., with the thermometer hovering
around 5 above zero mark, a family
of six was reached this morning more
dead than alive, with one of the children
expected to die, as a result of
exposure to the cold.

In Chattanooga, Tenn., there
was ice to-day in the Chattahoochee
River at Atlanta, similar conditions
prevailing in the rivers of Tennessee,
North Alabama and the western part
of North Carolina.

While it is believed that no serious
damage has been done to the Florida
orange crop, Fernandina reports that
oranges were frozen in that section,
and from other parts of Florida come
reports that trees in the groves were
resorted to last night to protect the
fruit.

Cotton planters in the far Southwest
hall with delight the severe cold, be-
lieving that millions of the boll weev-
il have been destroyed, and a further
spread of this insect to new territory
prevented.

Freezing temperature will continue
to-night over most of the Southern
States, according to the local forecast-
er, followed by warmer weather to-
morrow.

The present cold snap has been ac-
companied by little snow in the South,
and yesterday and to-day practically
no rainfall was reported from any of
the Southern States. The wind, how-
ever, has been strong.

Freezing in Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 30.
—Florida to-day experienced the coldest
weather that has visited this sec-
tion in several years, freezing weather
having prevailed in Jacksonville all
day. Freezing temperature extended
down into the orange belt, but up to
midnight no reports have been received
of any damage to the trees. It has
been cold in this State for several
days, which has driven the sap down
in the orange trees, and it is believed
that they will not be killed or dam-
aged.

Aracida, on the west coast, reports
a temperature of 36 degrees, while
other towns in that section report tem-
peratures ranging from that figure up
to 30 and 32 degrees. The local
Weather Bureau predicts a temperature
of between 18 and 20 degrees to-night
as low as the twenty-sixth parallel.

In Jacksonville water pipes have
burst all over the city, causing the
water pressure in the mains to become
low.

Bitterly Cold Blizzard.

PITTSBURGH, PA., December 30.—
With the thermometer registering zero,
and some places 3 to 7 below that
point, Western Pennsylvania to-
night is in the grip of a bitterly cold
blizzard, accompanied by snow flurries
and high winds.

From the outlying and mountain
districts reports of deaths and suffer-
ing due to exposure to the elements
are coming in. In greater Pittsburgh
alone seven deaths have been reported
to the coroner.

At Irwin, Pa., the temperature regis-
tered was the coldest December in ten
years, the thermometer dropping to
2 degrees below zero. Electric
trams have been discontinued.

At Connelville, John Wallace, a
laborer, was severely frozen last night
as a result of exposure. Mrs. Lena
Keppers also is in a Connelville hos-
pital suffering from frozen feet and
ears.

All trains from the East are from
one to three hours late entering Pitts-
burgh. Mills are tied up. Gas short-
age is reported everywhere, several
mills of the Jones-Laughlin steel plant
closing to-day on account of the short-
age, and throwing 500 men out of
work.

Calls for Help.
During the day the charity institu-
tions were swamped by calls for as-
sistance. The municipal and county
authorities last night and to-day cared
for 1,000 persons. The advisability
of opening coffee and soup kitchen
was urged up to-day by the Mayor's
cabinet.

A rise in temperature is promised
for to-morrow.
The intensely cold weather has
checked the flood which yesterday and
during last night menaced Pittsburgh
and points south of here on the Ohio
river. The Ohio River is frozen solid.

NINE-FOOT SHEET FOR OUR HOTELS

Post A Declines to Indorse Dra-
matic Bill Until Some Fea-
tures Are Cut Out.

SENT IT TO CONFERENCE

Movement to Improve Water
Front Facilities Warmly
Indorsed.

Members of Post A, Travelers' Pro-
tective Association, were unwilling
last night to indorse a bill, which will
be presented to the General Assembly
in January, because of its drastic re-
strictions on the hotel and boarding-
house business. It called for a more
thorough system of sanitation, longer
guests to be changed after each
guest, individual towels and one hun-
dred and one things to reform and
regulate the landlady's business.

When the bill was brought in by
representatives of the Virginia Travel-
ing Men's Association, composed of
members of Post A, and the United
Commercial Travelers' Association, it was suggested
that it be referred to the legisla-
tive committee of Post A, which will
confer with the new organization, so
that some of the more drastic pro-
visions might be eliminated.

The statement was made that the
bill, which contains nearly 2,000 words,
had been sent to various members of
the Legislature, who had promised to
give it their warm support.

For It Goes Too Far.
Members of Post A said that while
they wanted ideal hotel conditions,
they believed the new measure went
too far, and that it might work a
serious hardship, rather than prove
beneficial to traveling men generally.

The State Health Department was
directed in the bill to use its good
offices, and other departments of the
government were directed to help,
especially in the matter of fire-
escapes for hotels and boarding houses
alike.

Business Manager William T. Dau-
ney, of the Chamber of Commerce,
who was present at the meeting, ex-
plained the chamber's object in work-
ing for the improvement of the port.
Before adjournment Post A adopted
the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That Post A, Travelers'
Protective Association, indorse the
improvements on the water front on
James River recently purchased by
the city, to the extent of providing
wharf facilities and sheds for freight
unloaded thereon, as recommended by
the Council Committee on Improve-
ment of the James River."

"Resolved, further, That a committee
of five be appointed by the president
of this association to co-operate with
similar committees from other organ-
izations in the city in support of this
project."

A standing committee will there-
fore be delegated to urge every possi-
ble step toward the upbuilding of the
port.

AFTER THE RECORDS

Crack French Aeroplanists Are Trying
to Break the Record.

PARIS, December 30.—The crack
French aeroplanists are making de-
spairing efforts to lower the 189 records
for distance and height before Sat-
urday. Latham and Farman are both at
Mourmelon Le Grand, the former try-
ing out a new motor, and the latter
practicing with a passenger, with a
view to making an attempt for the ten-
kilometer cross-country with passen-
ger in 1910.

Latham and LeGonnet are to make
a last try to beat Farman's record for
length today, with the 100-kilometer
cross-country prize, but broke down
after covering fifteen kilometers.

A victory in the hands of a flight
of 200 kilometers (124 miles) in 2 hours
and 36 minutes.

At the aerodrome here to-day in the
presence of the official timekeeper of
the Aero Club of France, M. Dela-
grange, aboard a Bleriot cross-channel
type monoplane, beat all records for
speed and established a new monoplane
record.

A distance of 200 kilometers (124
miles), and the flight lasted exactly
two hours thirty-two minutes, making
an average of 73.3 kilometers (45.5
miles) an hour. The weather was
ideal, almost spring-like, and the
flight was accomplished without in-
cident. The spectators gave the
aviator an ovation on the termination
of his brilliant feat. Delagrange in-
tends to try for the Michelin cup to-
morrow.

CHARLES W. MORSE

New York Banker Boxes His Latest
Move on Certain Technicalities.

NEW YORK, December 30.—At-
torney Charles W. Morse, the New
York banker who yesterday was de-
nied a new trial by Judge Hough on
the grounds that the jurors in his last
trial had been allowed to drink to-day
began preparation of an application
for writ of error.

The application of Attorney Little-
ton to Judge Ward for a stay was
unsuccessful, but Judge Lacombe
granted him the permission to apply
for a writ of error to-morrow, be-
fore the whole bench of the Circuit
Court of Appeals on Monday. The
application for the writ of error will
be based on certain technicalities con-
tained in the memorandum of Judge
Hough.

Although District Attorney Wise has
expressed it as his opinion that the
decision of Judge Hough leaves no
loophole of escape for Morse and his
lawyers, the latter to-day expressed
themselves as extremely hopeful of
the outcome of the application to be
made Monday.

KEEP PRICES DOWN THROUGH BOYCOTT

Plans for National Move-
ment Launched in
Washington.

CRUSADERS WILL FIGHT BAD TRUSTS

When Cost of Living Goes Too
High It Will Be Pulled Down
Again by This Antitrust
League—Many
Congressmen
Active.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 30.
—Plans for a national boycott of those
combinations that increase the cost
of living were laid out to-night, when
the National Antitrust League was
launched. Members of Congress are
interested in the new movement, and
immediate steps will be taken toward
perfecting State organizations. Then,
when prices soar, the league members,
by stopping the use of such articles
or commodities as have gone above
the legal level, will pull them back
again by refusing to furnish a market.

The plan is one that was tried in
Germany a few years ago, and which,
according to report, broke up a com-
bination in coffee that had raised the
price of the bean to almost prohibitive
prices.

The meeting was informal, and no
annual organization was effected. It
was agreed, however, that the crusad-
ers should gather under the name of
the National Antitrust League, and
that the organization should be non-
political; that it should be presided
over by a prominent secretary and
treasurer, and its movements directed
by an advisory council of seven. As
soon as Congress reconvenes a per-
manent organization will be effected.

Among the speakers to-night were
Representative Champ Clark, of
the House minority leader, Representa-
tives Alexander and Murphy, of Mis-
souri; Martin, of South Dakota; Kin-
naird, of Nebraska; McKinley, of Cal-
ifornia, and Morgan, of Oklahoma.

On a winter night, however, the women of the United
States will be taken into membership
on equal terms with the men and will
have equal voice in the campaign. The
women, it is said, the two men left
the country, the pioneer of the plans
recognized at once that their assist-
ance was vital to success.

Accordingly, when Congress meets,
the league will work through the
Representatives, and in some cases,
through Senators, with a view to hav-
ing them interest themselves in the
organization of State branches.

EARL'S DEATH A MYSTERY

English Nobleman Found Dead in Sec-
ond-Class Hotel.

PARIS, December 30.—Earl Percy
(Henry Algernon George), one of the
English noblemen of the House of
Parliament, and formerly Under
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
died to-day in an obscure hotel under
circumstances which are of some
doubt.

Though pleurisy is given as the
cause of death, a story circulating, which
is given credence in high quarters, tells
of a dispute with another Englishman
and him of a duel in the outskirts
of Paris.

Sir Austin Lee, counselor of the Brit-
ish legation, who was in Paris, visited
the earl this afternoon, and found
him in a state of collapse. The physi-
cians were called, and he died a few
moments later.

Despite the rumor to the contrary,
the earl was shot through the lungs
by his opponent and died of his
wounds. It is said the two men left
England with the intention of meeting
on the outskirts of Paris.

The hotel people say Earl Percy ar-
rived in apparent good health last
week.

How to Conservatives.
LONDON, December 30.—Earl Percy's
death in Paris is lamented among the
conservatives as a grievous blow to
the cause. In the first speech he has de-
livered since his recovery, Lord Balfour
to-night paid to the dead earl the
eloquent tribute, saying that not only
the Unionist party, but the nation, has
suffered a great, and for a time, he
feared, an irreparable loss.

TAKEN TO NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Sned Leave the
Tomb for Newark.

NEW JERSEY, December 30.—Bundled
into an automobile, Mrs. Caroline Mar-
tin, mother of Mrs. Ocoy Sned, the
bathub victim, and Mrs. Mary Sned
were taken to Newark, N. J., where
they are under indictment on charge
of causing the death of Mrs. Ocoy
Sned. Miss Virginia Wardlaw, aunt
of the dead girl, has been under ar-
rest in New Jersey for some time.

Contrary to expectations, the two
aged women made no legal fight to
prevent their extradition. Mrs. Mar-
tin declined to sign the affidavit that
she was the person named in the war-
rant of extradition until she had care-
fully scanned all the documents.

"This is the most important thing
in my life," she said, "and I don't
propose to be hasty in signing any pa-
pers."

KIDNAPPERS SHOW HAND

Offer to Return Alma Kellner for Ran-
som of \$5,000.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 30.—A
letter was received to-day from some-
town in Ohio promising the return of
little Alma Kellner to her parents on
payment of \$5,000 ransom. This is all
the information the family will give
out.

The girl disappeared December 8,
and the demand for ransom received
to-day, although it may not be genu-
ine, brought with it the first real hope
for her recovery.

Frank Peir, millionaire brewer and
cousin to Fred Kellner, father of Alma,
is going to Chicago to-night, and al-
though he said positively his trip had
nothing to do with possible negotia-
tions with the kidnapers of the Kel-
lner girl, it is believed he is going to
Chicago or elsewhere on such a mis-
sion.

Facing Prison Cell



CHARLES W. MORSE.
Former ice king, between whom and
the penitentiary there is but a techni-
cal legal shadow.

ACTOR IS VICTIM OF FOUR BROTHERS

Ah Hoon, Backslider, Had Gone
Over to the On
Leons.

WAS EXPECTING DEATH

Killed as He Steps Into Hall, and
Dies in Arms of
Friend.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Before
Ah Hoon, Chinese actor, came to New
York he was one of the Four Brothers
Tong in San Francisco. Here there
were no Four Brothers when he came.
A lover of cards, he, therefore, joined
the On Leons.

At an early hour this morning Ah
Hoon was found lying in the hallway
of his boarding-house at 10 Chatham
Square, suffering from bullet wounds,
indicating that the entire contents of
a large calibre revolver had been fired
at the actor.

Ah Hoon was still breathing when
found. Little Clara Quan, an actress
and a widow, came screaming up from
her rooms, two flights below, to take
Ah Hoon's head up in her 'ap and
soothe him with sobbing while he was
dying.

Ah Hoon is rated this morning by
the police of the Elizabeth Street sta-
tion as the latest victim in the feud
of the long. Plain-clothes men of
the Chinatown squad are out seeking
clues and an explanation.

Four Brothers Blamed.
The police hold the Four Brothers at
fault for the murder. They do not
think that Ah Hoon has been a mili-
tary Chinaman, nor do they believe
he has been permanently interested in
any recent killing.

But they are inclined to believe
the words of Clara Quan. Those are
to the effect that the Four Brothers
have been looking so heavily in the
long battles lately that they needed
more warriors.

They appealed to their old member,
Ah Hoon. But he was a backslider,
and he had been looking for a change
in the hated On Leons to take up the
warfare of those who had come later
than he from San Francisco to join
issue with the defeated. It quick-
shooting to Slings.

Ah Hoon had been expecting death.
His friend Clara had expected he
would be killed.

Public warnings that he was marked
for death had in fact been posted on
his door. He had been so worried
yesterday afternoon about one of them
that he could eat no supper, and was
preparing to leave town this afternoon.

Last Hours of Ah Hoon.
So strong was the fear of death upon
him that before he would go to the
Chinese theatre last night he applied
to Police Captain Galvin for a guard
to accompany him there. More than
that, an extra squad of plain clothes
men were sent to guard him. The plain
clothes men of the theatre section and
kept watch on what was going on.

Because of Ah Hoon's fear the per-
formance was cut short. He slipped
away by a rear entrance that led di-
rectly to a rear entrance to his board-
ing house in Chatham Square. With
him went Mrs. Clara Quan and Lee
Jung.

Clara turned off at the second floor
to go to her rooms. Ah Hoon and Lee
Jung continued on up to the fourth
floor.

According to Lee Jung, he and Ah
Hoon got to their room all right and
prepared to retire. Lee Jung was roll-
ing a pill to put in his pipe for a good-
night smoke, when Ah Hoon stepped
out into the hallway.

In a minute there was a fusillade of
shots. Lee Jung found his friend lying
face downward in the hall, with a
number of bullet wounds in his back.
Lee Jung called Ah Hoon's friend,
Clara. The actor died in her arms a
few minutes later.

COMPROMISE REACHED

All Danger of Big Four Telegraphers'
Strike Is Over.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.—A com-
promise has been reached be-
tween the telegraphers of the Big Four
Railroad and the management of the
system, and all immediate danger of a
strike has been removed. This is the
outcome of a conference held to-day
between the telegraphers' friends, the
and General Manager Van Winkle, of
the railroad.

ZELAYA RECEIVES FRIENDLY ADVICE

Diaz "Tips Him Off"
Not to Talk to News-
paper Men.

NOW REPORTERS ARE TURNED AWAY

Nicaragua's Fugitive Pays Call
on President of Mexico and Is
Received as Private Citizen.

Madriz Not Recognized
by Visit of United
States Admiral.

MEXICO CITY, December 30.—That
President Diaz to-day gave Jose San-
tos Zelaya a little friendly advice in
regard to talking to newspaper repre-
sentatives, and whispered in his ear
that it would be wise for him to re-
frain from too freely expressing his
opinions, was admitted by Zelaya's
secretary to-night, when he returned
a card to a newspaper man with the
remark that the ex-dictator of Nicara-
gua has just adopted a policy of re-
fusing to be interviewed, and would
have nothing more to say for publica-
tion for a period of six days. Just
why six days was named he would
not explain.

Zelaya called on the chief execu-
tive of Mexico to-day. Up to that time
he received every newspaper man who
called at the hotel. After the meet-
ing it was said a very wide gulf had
opened between him and the corre-
spondents. In refusing to see one re-
porter, Zelaya through his secretary,
told him that he wished to avoid
being the means of bringing Mexico
into the controversy in any way, and
that if he (Zelaya) further discussed
matters his statements might be mis-
construed with such a result.

As Private Citizen.
Zelaya's visit at the national palace
lasted a half hour. The meeting was
devoid of official character, and Zel-
aya was received as a private citizen.
It is believed that after Zelaya ten-
dered his thanks for the kindness of
President Diaz in allowing him asylum
in Mexico, he was given a very brief
general in Central America were dis-
cussed at some length.

Zelaya was occupied the greater part
of the day in driving about the cap-
ital to various points of interest, in-
cluding Chapultepec Castle, the sum-
mer home of President Diaz.

To a friend to-day the Nicaraguan
visitor said that after he had been in
Mexico for two or three months he
would go to Belgium, where he was
personally supervising the education
of his children.

When he was receiving his earlier
education, Zelaya spent much of his
time in Belgium, where he attended
school.

Madriz Not Recognized.
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, December
30.—The Mexican government has in no
way recognized Jose Madriz as Presi-
dent of Nicaragua. The tele-
grams which have passed between
President Diaz and President Madriz
were of a personal character. Presi-
dent Madriz himself does not construe
them as a formal recognition of his
incumbency. The presidential recep-
tion on Tuesday was attended by the
official representatives of all nations
except the United States, and the Ni-
caraguan administration does not see
how to bring about recognition from
any country except the United States
is necessary.

A delegation from Granada to-day
visited Minister-General Baca and
pledged support. Santos Ramirez,
director-general of telegraphs, who
was arrested recently on the charge
of having sent unauthorized orders to
the Zelayan army, has made strong deni-
als, but has not yet been released from
custody.

Congress to-day conferred authority
upon the executive to abolish the to-
bacco and alcohol monopolies, indem-
nifying private stockholders for the
loss of their holdings, which now be-
come the property of the State.

The new taxes, which are to be
collected as high as 14 per cent. monthly,
are to be used for the payment of the
interest on the English loan, which
went towards the enrichment of the
relatives and friends of Zelaya.

Death to Monopolies.
This action, which is the forerunner
of the abolition of all monopolies, was
received with tremendous enthusiasm.
The sitting was tempestuous through-
out. Deputy Lugo Gomez, a Zelaya
adherent, who opposed the project, was
hooted even more vehemently than he
was yesterday when he spoke in op-
position to the authorization of further
war taxes. There were cries of "Ban-
dit Outlaw," "Disgrace!"

Gomez finally lost his temper and
hurled a glass of water in the face of
a tormentor in the public gallery.
Guards were called in and ejected all
but the deputies.

A vote of thanks was proposed to
Andrew Carnegie on the strength of a
dispatch from the United States, pub-
lished here, quoting him as ready to
donate \$20,000,000 to assure peace in
Central America.

Diplomatic Niceties.
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 30.
—The situation in Nicaragua presents
some diplomatic niceties in relation
to the propriety of recognizing the
government of Madriz by the Central
American republics. In the opinion of
officials of the State Department, Presi-
dent Madriz should receive no recog-
nition on the part of Central American
republics beyond that which is ac-
cording to a leader of a faction.

Rumors that Admiral Kimball would
be appointed to the command of the
Navy at Managua were denied by
Assistant Secretary of State Wilson.
Assistant Secretary of the Navy Win-
throp characterized the rumors as
being absolutely without foundation.

Admiral Kimball, according to the
officials, has made no report of his
call upon Madriz, although he an-
nounced to Washington his inten-
tion to inspect conditions at Managua.

"WICKED AND UNFAIR; DEPRAVED, ILLEGAL"

TAZEVELL ELLETT EXPLAINS ARREST

Tells in Detail Why He Was
Dragged to New York
Night Court.

VICTIM OF HOLD-UP PLOT

Believes That Woman Who
Asked for Help Was Party
to Confidence Game.

The Times-Dispatch has received
the following letter from Tazewell
Ellett, of New York, concerning his
recent arrest in that city on a trivial
charge:

I have intended ever since I was
notified of the publication in your
paper on December 16th of an ac-
count from New York relating to my
arrest in this city, to send you a cor-
rect version of the matter. This I
did not only to myself, but to the
many warm friends I have in Vir-
ginia and elsewhere. The over-zeal-
ous desire of the young reporters of
the night court to produce something
sensational resulted in such a mis-
leading and incorrect statement of the
facts that, however reluctant I may
be to resort to the papers, it is im-
perative that I do so in defense of
my character and reputation.

Therefore, I request that you al-
low the following statement of the
facts of the case as due prominence
in your paper as was given the origi-
nal account.

Appeared for Help.
I left my office where I had been
in conference with some business
associates, to walk to the entrance of
the Hudson Tunnel, at Fourteenth
Street and Sixth Avenue, where it is my
custom to take the subway. I was
in Jersey City with the City of
Railroad, which takes me to my home
in Rutherford. This was at 8:45 Wed-
nesday night. As I approached the
tunnel, I saw a woman in a dark
coat, who looked respectable. I
did not stop, but when some ten feet
beyond she called to me, that she
was in trouble. I turned, saw her and
a man standing some five feet beyond
her, and as she looked respectably, I
returned and asked her what the
trouble was. Before she could reply
the man walked up, put his hand on
my shoulder and in a low voice said:
"She has been kidnapped. Take her
home. She is a respectable woman."

Once saw the trap, became furiously
indignant and denounced him in loud
and vigorous terms.

The policeman came up, the situation
was explained to him by both of us,
and I requested him to ask the woman
if she would make a charge against
me. This she positively refused to do,
saying, "he has in no way offend-
ed me." She immediately walked off a
little distance and then ran away. I
wheeled on the man and denounced
him again for his infamous charge,
when the policeman ordered me to
follow him to the station house.

Could Not Do Otherwise.
There Mr. Williams, the policeman,
made no charge except that of disor-
derly against me, and that for not
moving on when ordered to do so. Nor
was it possible for him legally to
have done otherwise.